

Proclamation

Whereas, substance use disorders are chronic, progressive, and disabling and result in costs to our nation greater than those associated with cancer and obesity; and

Whereas, behavioral health is an essential part of one's overall wellness, and all people have the fundamental and inherent value to be accepted and treated with respect, human dignity, and worth; and

Whereas, prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover from substance use and mental disorders; and

Whereas, according to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 4.3 million people received treatment for a substance use disorder and 30.2 million people received treatment for a mental health problem in 2009; and

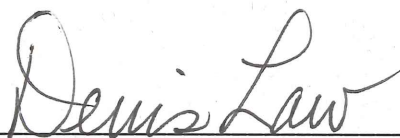
Whereas, it is critical to inform our policymakers, friends and family members, health care providers, and businesses that substance use and mental disorders are treatable, and that people should seek assistance for these conditions with the same urgency as they would any other health condition;

Now, therefore, I, Denis Law, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim **September 2011** to be

National Recovery Month

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all citizens to join me in this special observance.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 12th day of September, 2011.



Denis Law, Mayor of the City of Renton, Washington

